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A BIG REUNION.

The Descendants of George R. and Emily Burgess Reunite.

To the number of forty and six the living descendants of George R. Burgess and Emily his wife met last Tuesday at the old homestead, now occupied by his grandson, Malcolm Burgess. These survivors came from Pikeville, Louisa, Catlettsburg, Ashland and Camonsburg, and they came with big box, little box, handbox and bundle, and these various receptacles were filled to bursting with the fat of the land, comprehensively speaking, and this "fat" was transformed into just such eatables as might be expected from such an aggregation of born cooks and eaters. Some went up on the early morning train, and some came down on the morning west bound train. By an appreciated concession on part of the road all passenger trains stopped at the house of reunion, thus saving a most disagreeable tramp on part of those attending.

The hours were most happily spent. Most of the talk was reminiscent, and the recalling of so much that was interesting could not be otherwise than affecting. It was a time for memory and for tears, but not for grief. The memory of the departed was not a bitter recollection, for their lives were blameless and their deaths triumphant.

The old farm was strolled over, old playgrounds again visited, old scenes talked over, and in spite of the gloomy weather which, with sickness, had kept some away the day was one of pure enjoyment.

The old home, built in 1854, is in a good state of preservation. It was erected by Mr. Burgess, who, had he lived until now, would have been exactly one hundred years old. His wife, born Emily Johns, would have been 94.

J. L. Carey, Geo. R. Burgess and M. L. Burgess were appointed to have the burial ground put in good condition, and have an iron fence erected around it.

Mrs. Billie Carey and Mrs. Ella Waldeck are the only surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess. All the children and all the grand children of Cornelius H. Burgess were present, being the only family completely represented. The descendants will meet again September 10, 1907.

Not the least interesting feature of the meeting was the presence of Aunt Sarah Garred, once owned by the Burgessees, and Annie Burgess, Becky Burgess and Stella Burgess Pickrell, descendants of colored people who in ante bellum days were also the property of the Burgessees. As a matter of record a list of the names of all who were present is here given:

Mrs. W. L. Andrews, Ashland; Mrs. M. M. Magana, Catlettsburg; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Calvin, Catlettsburg; Mrs. John J. Johnson, Catlettsburg; C. R. Johnston, Pikeville; Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Snyder, and Misses Lella and Julia Dorcas, Master Gus and Alva Burgess Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hughes and Ellen and James Burgess Hughes; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Conley and Neil, Elizabeth and Emily Burgess Conley; George R. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Thompson, Mrs. C. Y. Abbott, Mrs. Belle Johns-McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carey, Misses Emily and Mex Carey, Billy Carey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Burchett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carey, Louisa; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Burgess, and children, Nellie, Julia and Onolds, Gallup.

We Will Have a Park.

The park proposition is taking shape and it seems that Louisa is now to have a park. George I. Neal, of Huntington, W. Va., and W. D. O'Neal, Jr., and F. B. Lynch, of Louisa, have secured a thirty acre tract of land on the Point, and fronting on Lewis fork. The greater portion will be converted into a park, the remainder is laid off in lots fronting the park on two sides. Streets are being made and also a walk from the property down to the bridge. The lots are being sold at private sale. It is a fine property.

A better description of the property and places of improvement will be given next week.

Dutchman's Display at the Fair.

Der Big Sandy News,
Louisa, Ky.,

Tear Zhr: As I lifts in der goundy of Lawrence und der goundy vair vot iss coming here vonce pooly zoono, I asks by minezeifs uf der NEWS vedder I iss to early yet vor to make von exhibition of minezeifs py zomeding vot I likes to let beebles look adt. I hafuf made plenty inquiries of zome mens und vot dey zays. Von mens zays dot I vill zee der headt uf ter Improvement committee vot gleans der tiches und makes der sthreeets glean und vot deys dings vot iss nice in der town, peides blay eroquet mid a pall und a mallet. Now, vot it iss vot I hafuf vor to look adt und to zamble iss swanzzy bounds uf Limburger Sheeze, von hafuf panel of zorkkroet, mid plenty uf viavor, und von panel of bretzels, und aweelve tozzen pottles uf vine rich und sparkling poer, und swy pottles uf Rhine vine, vot I wants to puld on exhibition mid minezeifs. Und I would ask der NEWS if der zandary delerment uf der goundy vill hafuf anydings yet vor vill brevent me yrom makings uf dis a goot display alretty, und as der NEWS iss wise I asks if minezeifs der above quessions.

Yousiz,

Herr Acklespiel,

Der Ridge py Louisa, Ky.

Death of D. W. Muncey.

Mr. Wade Muncey, aged 75 years, died at his home near Louisa last Sunday after a lingering illness. He had dropsy, with some complications. He leaves a wife, his second, and two grown sons, Gus and Hampton. Another son, Tunis, was drowned some years ago.

Mr. Muncey was a good citizen. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had been for many years. He was a man of quiet, industrious habits, an advocate for the right and a lover of his home. He came to this county from Virginia many years ago and lived here up to the day of his death. He was buried near his old home with the honors of Odd Fellowship Monday afternoon, in the presence of a large concourse of people.

Death of Henry J. Burgess.

Another old and valued citizen of Lawrence county passed to his reward Wednesday morning. Henry J. Burgess, of Graves Shoals, died after several months of painful illness and was buried near his home Thursday. Mr. Burgess was a son of Ned Burgess, long deceased, and was 73 years old. He was married twice, the first time to Miss Preston and again to a Miss Price who survives him. To these unions six children were born. Mrs. A. J. Conley is a sister and Mrs. A. O. Carter a daughter of Mr. Burgess, and they and Mr. Carter attended the burial.

Mr. Burgess was in every respect a good man and citizen. He was sober, moral and industrious, and a devoted member of the M. E. Church.

Lockhaven.

The Lockhaven people have sold to Luce Hardwick the valuable tract of land with its improvements known as the Fred Moore homestead. Mr. Hardwick is one of the best men in this section, and his purchase of this property means that he will be a valued addition to the community. He is a son-in-law of John Y. York and by birth and marriage related to many of our best people.

Patrons of the rural routes will be interested in learning of a new ruling recently made by the Postmaster General.

It sets forth that unless specially packed in accordance with postal laws and regulations, liquors, medicines, etc., packed in bottles can not be transmitted through the mails, but that carriers may transport such matter outside the mails for hire, or free of charge, upon request of patrons of their routes, fee for service to be paid by the parties for whom the service is performed and not by the merchant from whom the goods are purchased.

FIRST ASSISTANT

Mr. John Ekers is a Very Successful Teacher.

This word teacher assumes and implies a great deal. There are smart men, educated men, brilliant men, who can not teach a little bit; and conversely there are good teachers who are neither brilliant nor very highly educated. Mr. John Ekers, who is the responsible head of the big room on the top floor of the high school building, second only to Prof. Byington, the principal, is both a well - educated man and a most successful teacher. His work of last season was entirely satisfactory to the board of education, so they secured his valuable services for this year, much to the gratification of all concerned.

Mr. Ekers is very much at home in the school-room, seemingly "native" and to the manner born. A friend to the school and to scholars spent considerable time in his room recently, and the observation therein made confirmed the impression made on the visitor's mind by what he had heard of this successful teacher. You can tell a violinist from a fiddler the moment he draws the bow across the strings. A teacher is known from a pedagogue by the way he handles a class, and the instant Mr. Ekers took hold of one of his classes in the presence of a News man he showed himself a teacher. Interest doesn't flag on part of pupil or teacher during the entire recitation. By timely suggestion, by something told, not in the lesson, but bearing upon it, and by numerous other ways the pupil is made to feel that he is being taught—that he is really learning something. Every child is quick to know whether the teacher himself is interested, and he responds accordingly. And the teacher who arouses and holds this interest is the true teacher, the real educator.

There seems a sort of pleasant comradeship between Mr. Ekers and his pupils, and this goodfellowship is certainly a stimulus to greater and renewed effort on part of the scholar.

As the visitor listened to various recitations, so well rendered and so well conducted he felt glad for the young and rising generation of his town that the youth of both sexes had right at home such ample means for moral and mental improvement.

A Delightful Affair.

Among the many pleasant events of the social whirl during the past few days none eclipsed in genuine hospitality and elegance the dinner given last Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, Jr. Those who rejoice in the knowledge that they were guests of these nice people testify, with many a sigh of delightful remembrance, that in no wise was the feast lacking. How could it be? With good taste, means, and most generous inclination Mr. and Mrs. Wallace set out to do justice to their invited friends, and they succeeded. And that these friends did ample justice to the feast of good things goes without saying.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Sr., Miss Jean McClure, Mrs. Pence, of Williamson, Miss Lizzie Hatten, Mr. and Mrs. Mae Turner, Miss Mattie Wallace and Miss Stella Conley.

Where Had It Been?

Corporal Farris Nixon, of the recruiting station, was recently informed by a relative that a letter written to her by the Corporal while he was in the Philippines six years ago had just been received.

The story of this wandering episode would doubtless make an interesting book if it could be told. That the letter should finally reach the person for whom it was intended speaks volumes for the efficiency of the postal service.

The Hospital Association has amended its articles of incorporation and increased its capital stock to \$12,000 so as to provide for the increased cost of construction. It will also erect a two - story residence on the south side of Franklin street. Important and beneficial changes in the plans of the hospital building have been made, making it better fit for the use for which such buildings are intended.

Louisville Conference and Politics.

Editor Big Sandy News:—

In your last issue you say: Politics was introduced into the session of the Methodist conference at Central City when a resolution was offered indorsing Gov. Beckham. Spirited debate followed, several of the leading ministers opposing any expression by the conference in a political race, but, on a vote the resolution was adopted without change.

To show you and your readers just what the Louisville Conference said, in their endorsement of the work of Gov. Beckham, I quote from the Report on Louisville: "We desire, without any political purpose, except to approve righteousness, to commend the course of Gov. J. C. W. Beckham, before the last session of our Legislature. In his hearty support of the temperance measures that were before that body. We also desire to express our appreciation of the sincere and earnest effort he is making to enforce the laws enacted for the regulation and suppression of the liquor traffic and the Sunday closing law in the city of Louisville."

Commenting on this action, the editor of the Central Methodist, who was present when the report was presented and adopted, says:

"The reference to Gov. Beckham in the Report on Temperance, made no such stir on the Conference floor as the daily papers represented. There was no hot discussion whatever, though some doubted the propriety of mentioning the matter in view of the senatorial race now on. The sentiment of the Conference, however, is a unit in favor of everything the Governor has done that tends to elevate or benefit our State."

From all these facts it will be seen there was no partisan politics involved in the question, and even if there was, when a Methodist Conference, for fear of touching the question of politics fails to speak out in hearty endorse of a public servant, who is endeavoring to secure righteousness, and their proper enforcement, it deserves, and ought to receive, severe condemnation. Zephaniah Meek Catlettsburg, Ky.

Mrs. Ben Thomas Entertained.

Mrs. Ben Thomas entertained elegantly with a six o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. The function was given for Lieut. and Mrs. P. S. Bond and Miss Mattie Wallace. The dinner was all that the most fastidious could desire; perfect in menu and complete in every detail. In the evening whist was the diversion, the number of guests being increased by Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Wroten and Senator M. G. Watson. A most toothsome chicken salad, properly garnished, and delicious peach cream and cake and cafe noir were served.

The Beautiful (?) Snow.

Did you ever? Well, hardly ever. October only fairly begun, and one lurch of untimely, unwelcomed and totally unwarranted snow on the ground. It did look pretty, that's a fact, but who wanted the chilly stuff? Right at Fair time, too, badly nipped and men's straws are badly frozen.

An arrangement has been entered into between the Chesapeake and Ohio railway company and Baldwin Detective Agency, by which the latter corporation will have charge of all the guard and watchman's station of the system.

The order transferring these duties became effective Oct. 1, and a majority of those doing guard or watchman duty have been notified of the change and will hereafter look to the Baldwin agency as their employer.

John Stump and family are occupying the residence belong to Mrs. Vic Prichard.

Mr. Stump was formerly in business at Chapman, but since the completion of the lock there he has gone into the tie business, with headquarters here. He is a good citizen and he and his family are heartily welcomed to Louisa.

Mr. Delbert Johnson, of Wayne county, W. Va., well known in Louisa, has gone to Baltimore to take a medical course in a good college.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Mrs. James Sturgill, of Cliffe, after a long and painful illness, died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Stanley is critically ill, at her home at Bonanza.

William H. Ratcliffe has been appointed postmaster at Ash-Camp, Pike county.

In the Court of Appeals the case of Dortherty against Bozell was reversed.

Wesley Duty, of Coon Creek, who is very low, was taken to Matewan, W. Va., where he will be treated by Dr. Tom Burgess.

R. H. Leete, the dentist, broke the record to-day for at 1 p. m. he had extracted 82 teeth. How's that for a tooth story?

Well, it is not tooth in, for they seem be really out. But a does sound a Leete big.

Will Press Dyer and Mose Phipps, the two men that were brought to Paintsville from Magoffin county for safe keeping, on the charge of murder, were taken back to Magoffin for trial, Thursday. Dyer is accused of killing Warren Arnett, on Middle Fork, and his trial is set for Friday. Phipps is accused of being an accessory before the fact of the murder of one Montgomery, on Little Mine Fork.

The first brick was laid on Court street last Thursday afternoon. We are glad to see the work going on at last. Hope the weather will continue favorable, in order that we may have nice streets before the winter sets in.

The Herald failed to come out this week, on account of additions being made to the office.—Herald.

Let us hope that among the "additions" will be a nice winter suit for the twins at the head of the local page.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Claybrooke, Sr., of Springfield, Ky., announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Garland, to Mr. John Darbin Turner, of Lexington, the marriage to be solemnized in October. Miss Claybrooke, the daughter of Hon. James A. Claybrooke, of Washington county, and a sister of Hon. W. D. Claybrooke, is a young woman of exceeding charm and manner, and is remembered by many friends in Lexington who will be deeply interested in the approaching marriage.

Mr. Turner formerly lived in Prestonsburg.

HAPPY CREEK.

Sorghum making is all the go now. People in our town are hustling around to get their corn cut.

N. J. Burton is visiting his sister at Portsmouth.

Mrs. Susan Moore will leave soon for Portsmouth. We are sorry to see her leave.

Billie Moore has sold his store to William H. Berry. We are sorry to lose him as he is a good merchant.

Miss Martha Moore was calling on Miss Stella Cunningham Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Moore and son Tom, are calling on home folks at Blaine this week.

Miss Madge Rise was visiting home folks Saturday.

John Kitchen was calling on friends Sunday.

Ida Cooksey and little daughter, Hazel, visited Mrs. Rolan Hutchinson Sunday.

J. B. D.

IN MEMORY.

Saturday, October 6th death reached forth its icy hands and touched the form of little Ruth, and took from the arms of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Workman their precious baby.

Ruth was a bright flower indeed. The little one was loved by all who knew her. It seems hard, dear bereaved parents, for us to submit to the will of God when he calls away one of our dearest ones of this world.

The Lord knew little Ruth was too pure a flower to ever bloom amid the thorns of this world; so dear father, mother, sister and brothers, think not of little Ruth being dead. She is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus. Cheer up dear ones, you will meet little Ruth in the home of the blest.

A Friend.

Odd Fellows at Harrodsburg.

The Kentucky Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., convened in Harrodsburg with 480 delegates present. A class of 300 had the Grand Lodge degree conferred upon them.

The Grand Master's report showed the institution of thirty new lodges during the year and that the order is in a most prosperous condition. Grand Secretary Elliot, made a splendid report. The report of the Grand Treasurer, George W. Morris, showed a balance on hand of \$8,096.30. The disbursements during the year were \$13,881.40. Grand Representative J. Whit Potter and Claude Buckley made their annual report and were applauded. Mr. Buckley announced that he will not offer for re-election, as Grand Representative and the tip is out that Hon. B. M. Arnett, of Nicholasville, will be elected to succeed him. The report of the W. and O. Home was received with enthusiasm. The delegates showing great interest and pride in this branch of the work.

James Picklesimer represents the Louisa lodge.

A Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace had as their guests at dinner Saturday evening Rev. O. F. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace, Jr., Mrs. Will Pence, of Williamson, W. Va., Misses Jean McClure, Matilda Wallace, Lizzie Hatten and Mrs. Fannie Wade. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Mrs. Pence, who is a skilled pianist, rendered some very beautiful selections. Another very pleasant feature of interest was a guessing contest, "The Common Cents" in which Rev. Williams won the prize a beautiful bunch of roses.

The hosts are ideal entertainers, and their guests should and did deem themselves fortunate to be present on the evening named.

BUCHANAN.

Miss Lizzie Hatten returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank Wallace, at Louisa.

Mrs. Belle Prichard and daughter, Reba, of Kavanaugh, spent Sunday with J. C. Buckley's family.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Pangburn have returned home from a few days' visit with Durbin friends.

Mrs. Helen Smith, of Round Bottom, was a Buchanan visitor last week.

Mrs. Cora Falkner and children, of Catlettsburg, were guests at G. S. Bromfield's part of last week, returning home Sunday.

Miss Neva Davis and niece, Ethel of Round Bottom, were here Tuesday en route to Huntington, where little Miss Ethel is taking treatment under Dr. Moore.

H. M. Runyon, of Catlettsburg, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. B. P. Wright and Miss McCloud, of Kavanaugh, were here Tuesday shopping and visiting with Chas. Warren's family.

Mrs. Sam McCordy and children have gone to Catlettsburg to spend some time with her husband, who has employment with the Baker Contract Co., there.

Fred J. Friel, the popular young operator here has gone to his home at Victoria, Ky., for a 15 days visit.

Eara Hatten has accepted a position with Patton Bros., Catlettsburg, as their traveling salesman.

Conductor and Mrs. J. G. Gooden, the Misses Thompson, Miss Webb and John and Laura Compton formed a merry party of chestnut hunters over the N. and W. R'y., to Howlett Saturday, returning by boat in the evening, heavily laden with chestnuts and grapes.

Mrs. Sarah Black is recovering from an attack of fever.

Rev. C. Dean, of Zella, has fever.

Samford Turnan and Will Powell, the old time chums, were up from Kavanaugh Monday, mingling with friends here.

Mrs. Stansard Smith is expected home from Lynchburg this week for a visit with her parents.

Miss Beatrice M. Finney, of Kavanaugh, who has been quite sick, was able to be present at the Sunday morning services.

A new organ has recently been purchased for Buchanan Chapel.

Dot.

Couldn't we have that gutter drained and those old barrels removed from upper Main street?